

ORDER OF SERVICE – 18 JULY 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 18 July 2021 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time at bit.ly/greyfriarstv.

"God undoubtedly knows our needs before ever we utter them."

attr. St Augustine

Organ: Dolcezza

Percy Whitlock

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Hymn 112:

1. *God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.*
2. *Saviour, who came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind let there be light.*
3. *Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move o'er the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.*
4. *Blessèd and holy Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide let there be light.*

John Marriott and Thomas Raffles

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Ken Luscombe

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. (*Lord, have mercy.*)

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

The Word of God

Ephesians 2: 11 - 22

Reader: Jamie Sutherland

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Mark 6: 30 – 34 and 53 - 56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 782:

1. *Lord of life, we come to you. Lord of all, our Saviour be,
come to bless and to heal with the light of your love.*
2. *Through the days of doubt and toil, in our joy and in our pain,
guide our steps in your way, make us one in your love.*

Catherine Walker

Sermon: Rev Ruth Halley

Affirmation of Faith:

(from the Iona Community)

*We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,
of water and earth, and of our rainbow humanity.*

*We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman's womb,
servant of the poor. He was tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows,
he died forsaken. He descended into the earth, to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will surely come.*

*We believe in God with us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting.*

Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

Ruth C. Duck

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Ken Luscombe

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 707:

1. *Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,
we discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.*
2. *Wellspring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring release,
as we gain our selves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your Church live out your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see our Saviour's face.*
3. *Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your power.
All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course,
till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our Source.*

Ruth C. Duck

Benediction

Organ: Trumpet Voluntary in D

John Stanley